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SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING -- WASHINGTON VISIT

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1. I SAW KING HUSSEIN JANUARY 10 ON ANOTHER ISSUE. IN
RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTIONS TO ME EARLIER (REFTEL A) I PRO-
VIDED HIM WITH IN GENERAL TERMS THE INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN REFTEL B.

2. THE KING TOLD ME HE HAD BEEN GIVEN REPORT BY TELEPHONE
FROM WASHINGTON ON THE SECRETARY'S LUNCH.
HE HAD APPARENTLY NOT KNOWN THAT IT WAS
PLANNED AND IMPLIED TO ME THAT RIFAI WAS FREELANCING A BIT
IN HIS CURRENT EFFORTS. NEVERTHELESS, THE KING WAS
DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE SECRETARY'S COURTESIES TO
RIFAI AND OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
IN PASSING ON JORDAN'S VIEWS AND IDEAS TO THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION.

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EM THE KING SAID THAT HE IS NOW AIMING FOR A VISIT
IN MIDDLE OR LATE APRIL 1977. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT HE
IS BEING OFFERED A DEGREE BY AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ON
THE 22ND OF APRIL AND THAT A GROUP OF FRIENDS IN
WASHINGTON IS ORGANIZING A DINNER IN HONOR OF
HIS SILVER JUBILEE WHICH AS YOU KNOW WILL BE CELEBRATED
IN JORDAN THROUGHOUT 1977. THE KING SAID HE HOPES THAT

HE COULD ARRIVE ON OR AROUND APRIL 18, BUT KNOWS THAT THIS
WILL HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. IF EVERY-
THING FALLS INTO PLACE, HE WOULD FOLLOW HIS WASHINGTON VISIT
WITH A TRIP TO SEVERAL AMERICAN CITIES AND REGIONS. HE
TOLD ME THAT THIS YEAR HE HOPES TO VISIT ATLANTA, TEXAS
AND TO END UP IN NEW YORK AMONG OTHER AREAS. THIS
SELECTION OF CITIES STEMS FROM DISCUSSIONS WHICH HE
HAS HAD WITH FRIENDS AND VISITORS FROM THE UNITED
STATES SINCE HIS LAST VISIT THERE IN APRIL-MAY 1976.
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